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**Amendment A**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Letter mailed 28 February 2002, please amend the above application as follows:

2. *Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12 and 13 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.*
3. *Applicant is advised that should claim 16 be found allowable, claim 17 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof.*
5. *Claims 1, 7, 14 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.*
7. *Claims 1, 5, 8 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.*
9. *Claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyasato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,865,911) in view of 2002 Bushmaster arms catalog.*

**The applicant cancels all claims and new claims are substituted as shown below:**

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